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INSERTING SPINAL IMPLANTS	)	

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**SUBMISSION**

To facilitate the declaration of an interference with U.S. Patent No. 6,083,225 to Winslow et al., Applicant submits the following remarks:

**Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.